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# TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

# BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

MARCH 21, 2019 3:00 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM 312

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE PROPOSED REGULATION OF PET BOARDING FACILITIES

Chairpersons Creagan and Cullen and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on HCR 136 that requests the Auditor to assess proposed HB1162 (2019). The Department opposes this measure.

HB1162 directs the Board of Agriculture and the Department to adopt rules and enforce pet boarding facilities. This bill involves pets and pet businesses rather than agriculture. The Department believes alternative forms of regulation rather than HB1162 are necessary. The Department believes pet boarding is more appropriately managed by the county that has existing pet animal regulatory mechanisms.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



## **HCR-136**

Submitted on: 3/19/2019 4:10:51 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	Yes

## Comments:

We wholeheartedly support this reso, and ask that so called "doggy day care centers" be included. It is sad that more regulations be required, but people entrust their companion animals, who are, indeed, a family member, to facilities/kennels without knowing if their cat or dog is being protected and happy. We have heard heartwrenching reports of pets gone missing, even found dead months after the loss; undetected illness that can and did prove fatal; Inspections, record keeping, sanitation - all need to have oversight.

HCR-136 Submitted on: 3/19/2019 5:30:02 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Dolena	Aloha Animal Advocates	Support	No

## Comments:

Please doggie day care centers also in the Bill.

HCR-136 Submitted on: 3/19/2019 7:19:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Parra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HCR-136 Submitted on: 3/19/2019 5:17:28 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gillian Boss	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



Submitted on: 3/20/2019 7:05:05 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Conant	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I am writing in support of HCR136. It is vital that this industry be regulated to prevent further harm or death to animals being trusted in the hands of boarding facilitites. I've submitted previous lengthy testimony inclusive of my story regarding my two dogs, one of which died as a result of poor care while in a boarding facility on Kaua'i. I know as soon as an assessment is done, the flood gates will open with horrific stories of what is going on in some facilites and a clear conclusion that regulation is needed will be reached. We are in need of **BASIC** regulations to keep our loved ones safe.

I strongly urge you to take advantage of my previous research and my commitment to see this through. I am available to assist in any capacity and have a strong network establised on Kaua'i of key individuals in the industry. Please reach out to me via email:katiconant@gmail.com.

Mahalo for taking the time to make a difference and prevent unecessary harm to our loved ones.

## HCR-136

Submitted on: 3/20/2019 9:31:58 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
catherine van de veer	Individual	Support	No	

## Comments:

Pet Boarding facilities, as an unregulated industry, put perts and humans at risk from disease.

The State should establish minimum standards for care and disease and injury prevention.

i support referring this matter to the Auditor for analysis.



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Submitted on: 3/20/2019 8:19:35 PM

Testimony for AGR on 3/21/2019 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
F Blake Conant	Individual	Support	No

## Comments:

I support this resolution because I want to make sure ALL pet owners who board their animals with a facility will have the peace of mind that the pet is well cared for, not mistreated with shock collars, housed in clean boarding accomodations with proper excercise and compassion. With the passage of this resolution and ultimately the bill, I will feel comfortable that the same level of expectation will be across the industry. For the good facilities, it'll be business as usual. For the negligent, they will either have to fix their deficiencies or lose their opportunity to serve the community. We regulate child care, schools, and countless other industries that touch the family, why not the pet boarding industry? Make it safe for everyone!